

April 2, 2015

Commissioner Burack  
NHDES  
29 Hazen Drive  
Concord, NH 03301

RE: Modification of I-A Permit for Bestway Waste Transfer Facility Located Off Route 140, Belmont NH.

Dear Commissioner Burack:

I am writing this letter after attending the public hearing held March 28, 2015 in Belmont. After listening to the testimony presented last Friday, I believe that there was an extraordinary amount of concern expressed regarding the increased amount of and the change in the type of contents that are being proposed for this facility.

As I am sure you are aware, the aquifer that serves at least three towns for drinking water, is located beneath this facility. During the hearing, I noted that there is no monitoring system being proposed to check for possible contaminants that might be caused by accidents, storm water run-off, or from the percolation system in place. The volume of materials that are proposed represents a significant increase of activity and material for this facility. The change from building demolition to trash brings in possible contaminants and hazards not currently present in building demolition.

I am respectfully requesting that several test wells be added around the sight, and that testing for possible contaminants be conducted on a regular basis. This is not a costly procedure, and doing so might help to mitigate the fears of possible contamination to the aquifer expressed at the hearing. It makes good sense to protect the aquifer in this way even if it is not required by law.

Thank you for your consideration,

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